

January 6, 2022

LOUISIANA ETHICS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

RE: Request for Opinion

Dear Sir or Madam,

As Director of Sewerage District No. 1 of Iberia Parish, Louisiana, I respectfully request an opinion with regards to our Chairman /Commissioner of Sewerage District No. 1 wishing to transfer a sewerage system in his trailer park to the District. The facts are as follows:

Sewerage District No. 1 of Iberia Parish is a political subdivision created by Iberia Parish Council by ordinance in 1975 pursuant to 33:3881 et. seq. and the council appoints a Board of Supervisors (Commissioners) of five members to govern the District. The purpose of the District is establishing, acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and operating a sewerage system within the district including facilities, equipment and installations as may be necessary in connection therewith.

Sewerage District No. 1 provides sanitary sewer services to some of the unincorporated areas of Iberia Parish with approximately 3,000 customers or about 10% of the unincorporated population. Owners of property may be required to connect to serviceable District public sewer that is within 300 feet of the property line.

The District operates treatment facilities at the Port of Iberia, several facilities owned by the School Board and a treatment plant jointly owned with the City of New Iberia and shares use of a City Plant. District policy may require connection to public sewer if the property is within 300 feet of a serviceable public sewer. The District has historically accepted dedications and assumed responsibility for approximately 10 trailer park private stand-alone wastewater facilities that are not connected or within 300' of the public sewer. The operation and ownership of these systems by the District is not mandated by a bond issue or tax referendum or specific policy as the District operates on operation and maintenance user fees paid by customers.

The chairman/commissioner is an owner of 50% of a trailer park with his father owning the other 50%. The trailer park has a self-contained sewerage treatment plant to treat the sewerage of the park. The two owners would like to transfer and dedicate the sewer system and plant to the District for operation, maintenance and collection of user fees.

The questions are as follows:

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1. May the Sewer District No. 1. Chairman and/or Commissioner participate in a discussion and vote on an item involving a trailer park system in which he own 50% interest with his father that would transfer and dedicate that system to the District for maintenance and operation and collection of user fees?
2. May a trailer park in which a Sewer District No. 1 Chairman/Commissioner owns 50% interest enter into an agreement to transfer and dedicate the ownership of the park sewer system to the District in consideration of the District maintaining, operating and collecting user fees?

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

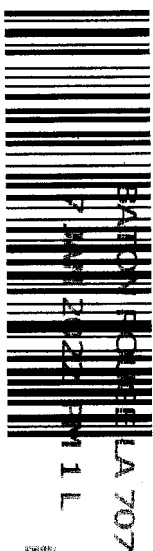
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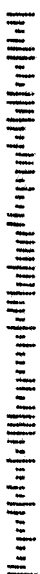
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